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SCHLEINZER AND KARASEK

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1. IN CONTINUATION REFTEL REPORT, SCHLEINZER PARTY LEFT NEW YORK ON SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 6 AFTER A VERY PRODUCTIVE VISIT IN US. AMBASSADOR HALUSA TOLD DEPTOFFS FEBRUARY 7 THAT SCHLEINZER AND KARASEK WERE VERY SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF VISIT. THEY APPEARED TO BE PLEASED WITH REPORTS OF FAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE IN AUSTRIA, AND SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEIR VISIT RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION IN US MEDIA.

2. HIGH POINT IN CALIFORNIA WAS BRIEF, BUT VERY FRIENDLY VISIT WITH GOV. REAGAN IN SACRAMENTO. INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION WAS GIVEN BY SENIOR STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE OFFICIALS ON VARIOUS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF FUTUROLOGY (THE GROUP WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY DR. ANDERSON, PRESIDENT OF SRI). THEY ALSO RECEIVED AN IMPRESSIVE TOUR OF THE NEW BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM. WEATHER IN THE SAN FRANCISCO REGION WAS EXCELLENT, AND THE WELL-PLANNED PROGRAM INCLUDED INTERESTING AND

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INSTRUCTIVE SIGHT-SEEING TOURS.

3. THE VISIT IN NY INVOLVED A HEAVY, BUT USEFUL PROGRAM. AT HUDSON RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AUSTRIANS ADDRESSED BY DRS. ARMBRUSTER AND WIENER, WHO SPOKE ABOUT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMING DECADE IN EUROPE. THEY ADDRESSED THEMSELVES PARTICULARLY TO SCHLEINZER'S QUESTIONS ABOUT AUSTRIA'S STRATEGIC PROBLEMS (THROUGHOUT ENTIRE TRIP SCHLEINZER AND KARASEK REFERRED REPEATEDLY TO AUSTRIAN CONCERN OVER SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA SHOULD TITO'S DEATH RESULT IN A CHAOTIC SITUATION LEADING, FOR EXAMPLE, TO SOVIET INTERVENTION).

4. IN NY THE AUSTRIANS ALSO HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICAN BANKERS, INDUSTRIALISTS, AND TRADERS (INCLUDING 30-MINUTE SESSION WITH DAVID ROCKEFELLER). WHEN ASKED BY PRESS AND OTHERS WHETHER HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT "EXCESSIVE GERMAN INVESTMENT IN AUSTRIA," SCHLEINZER'S RESPONSE WAS THAT AUSTRIA WAS INTERESTED IN INVESTMENT FROM ALL SOURCES; HE STRESSED INTEREST IN AMERICAN INVESTMENT.

5. A SPECIAL NY PRESS LUNCHEON IN SCHLEINZER'S HONOR WAS WELL ATTENDED. AMONG GUESTS WAS WALTER CRONKITE.

6. THROUGHOUT ENTIRE TRIP SCHLEINZER AVOIDED MAKING ANY DIRECT PARTISAN CRITICISM AGAINST THE KREISKY GOVERNMENT. WHENEVER ASKED ABOUT THE SCHOENAU CASTLE INCIDENT, FOR EXAMPLE, HE WOULD STATE THAT IT IS HIS POLICY NEVER TO DISCUSS PARTISAN DIFFERENCES CONCERNING AUSTRIAN POLICY WHILE HE IS OUTSIDE AUSTRIA. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT HE HAD ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO THE SCHOENAU QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT AND HOPED THAT HIS PARTY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION HAD HELPED TO ACHIEVE THE CONTINUATION OF NORMAL EMIGRE TRANSIT THROUGH AUSTRIA, WHICH IS IN THE FINEST TRADITION OF AUSTRIAN POLICY TOWARD EMIGRANTS, AS EXEMPLIFIED EARLIER BY TREATMENT GIVEN HUNGARIANS IN 1956 AND CZECHOSLOVAKS IN 1968.

7. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING POST'S ASSESSMENT OF VISIT, INCLUDING BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUSTRIAN MEDIA COVERAGE AND THE REACTIONS OF SCHLEINZER AND KARASEK. KISSINGER

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